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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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The Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following co-pending U.S. Application:

APPLICATION NO. FILING DATE INVENTORS

09/768,331 January 25, 2001

T. Suzuki, et al.

A copy of the cited Application is enclosed.

Applicant submits that no fee is required for consideration of this information since it is being submitted within three (3) months of the filing date.

## CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010.

All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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